

**Mansfield Commission on Aging Minutes**  
**9:30 AM – Senior Center**  
**October 12, 2010 (Tuesday)**

PRESENT: K. Grunwald (staff), T. Rogers, J. Quarto, E. Poirier, Don Nolan, C. Dainton (staff), J. Scottron, S. Gordon, C. Pellegrine (Vice-Chair), Joan Terry (guest), M. Thatcher, Lida Bilokur (guest), J. Adamcik,  
REGRETS: T. Quinn, W. Bigl, B. Lavoie, A. Holinko

- I. **Call to Order:** Vice-Chair C. Pellegrine called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.
- II. **Appointment of Recording Secretary:** K. Grunwald agreed to take minutes for the meeting.
- III. **Acceptance of Minutes:** The minutes of the **September 13** meeting accepted as written, noting that M. Thatcher had called in regrets for that meeting.
- IV. **Correspondence** – Chair and Staff: none.
- V. **New Business**
  - A. **Report of Nominating Committee:** J. Quarto reported that W. Bigl has indicated that Joann McCaughy has agreed to accept an appointment to the Commission.
  - B. “Other”: none.
- VI. **Optional Reports on Services/Needs of Town Aging Populations**
  - A. **Health Care Services**

Wellness Center and Wellness Program – B. Lavoie was not present for the meeting; no report.
  - B. **Social, Recreational and Educational**

Senior Center – C. Dainton distributed copies of her report for the month of September. Two new exercise programs started this month.

Senior Center Assoc. – T. Rogers reported that John Brubacher’s memorial service will be at 11:00 AM on Oct. 30 at Storrs Congregational Church.
  - C. **Housing**

Assisted Living Advisory Committee: C. Pellegrine reported that she received a marketing call from Masonicare. She was concerned about the buy-in cost for the facility, and stated that they did not discuss a monthly rental option. She questioned how low-income residents will be able to live there. K. Grunwald reported that Masonicare’s Board has approved the purchase of property on Maple Road, and that they have always discussed offering both a buy-in and a

rental option. He added that this will be a market-rate facility and was never intended to be an option for low-income residents.

Wrights Way: J. Adamcik stated that they are still waiting for the bus shelter.

Jensen's Park: E. Poirier states that there is no news.

Glen Ridge: J. Scotttron reported no news.

Related Town and Regional Organizations:

K. Grunwald reported that the Advisory Committee on the Needs of Persons with Disabilities is addressing the issue of accessibility to voting locations.

## **VII. Old Business**

- A. Long Range Plan Update: K. Grunwald suggested that the Commission needs to get moving on updating this by the end of the year. C. Pellegrine suggested that all members take some time to review the plan. K. Grunwald suggested that we use the next meeting to review the plan and identify areas that the Commission wants to focus on. Members are asked to review the plan; K. Grunwald will send out a template to update the plan in the November packet.
- B. Volunteer Driver Program Update: C. Dainton reported that Gianna Stebbins has been hired as the Coordinator of the program. C. Dainton has been meeting with drivers who are interested in volunteering.
- C. Triad: W. Bigl was not present. K. Grunwald reported that the kick-off ceremony will be at the Senior Center on October 20 at 12:30. All are invited.
- D. Committee Goals/Plans for 2010/2011: K. Grunwald distributed draft copies of Accomplishments for the past year and Goals for this year. C. Pellegrine requested adding a goal to "ensure the implementation of the Volunteer Driver Program. This was agreed to unanimously. There was then a discussion about the bus stop shelters, and J. Quarto recommended that the following be added to the goals: continue advocacy for bus shelters at Wrights' Way and Rt. 275. This was also adopted unanimously. The revised Accomplishments & Goals document was adopted unanimously.

**VIII. Opportunity for the Public to Address the Commission:** J. Adamcik feels that 12:30 is too early for the Triad event, given needs of the lunch program.

## **VIII. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 AM. Next meeting: **Monday, November 8, 2010** at 9:30 AM at the Senior Center.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kevin Grunwald